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## The Official Ballot For The Town Names Caucus Nominees For Officers

### Farms Constable Provides Contest

In the Press of the 19th there was published a list of the nominations made by the town caucus to fill the various expiring offices of the town. Last Thursday, the 25th, at five o'clock was the last opportunity afforded for the withdrawal of names and a number of such withdrawals were made, leaving the ticket to be voted, without any contest, except for the office of Northfield Farms Constable, for which Leon A. Starkey and Herman W. Browning are candidates. The complete list of candidates as they will appear on the ballot is as follows:

Town Clerk—Joseph S. Haskell.

Town Treasurer—Charles F. Slate.

Selectmen—Fred A. Holton, Hermon B. Fisher, Carl L. Mason.

Assessor—Fred S. Merrifield.

Moderator—William F. Hoehn.

School Committee—Sidney H. Given.

Cemetery Commissioner—Carlton W. Holton.

Library Trustees—Mary G. Parker, Samuel E. Walker.

Tree Warden—Dean W. Williams.

Tax Collector—Charles F. Slate.

Constables—Harry M. Haskell, Herman A. Miner, Martin E. Vorce.

Constable, Northfield Farms—Leon A. Starkey, Herman W. Browning; vote for one.

All candidates are the caucus nominees, and all are candidates for re-election, except Carl L. Mason as selectmen, Sidney H. Given for School Committee, Mary G. Parker and Samuel E. Walker for library trustees, and the Farms constables.

Note worthy is the retirement of Mrs. Nellie M. Wood and Rev. William W. Coe as library trustees, both of whom would not accept renomination, for another term. Another surprise is the retirement of F. Myron Dunnell as selectmen, who having been named by the caucus as a candidate, withdrew from the contest.

The election of candidates will be held on town meeting day, Monday, February 5th in conjunction with the town meeting.

### Death Came Suddenly To Martin A. Janes

Martin A. Janes of Main street, of the tenth generation of the founders of this town died suddenly of a heart attack on Thursday evening of last week. He had been busily engaged with his work all day but succumbed after entering the house. He was in direct line from Rev. William Janes, the first minister in Northfield to officiate at any services and a stone on the Main street near the Wright residence marks the place of the first service. Mr. Janes was born June 24, 1882 and was the son of Charles and Anna Holton Janes. The home on Main street was built at the time of the settlement and rebuilt in 1763 and has always been occupied by the members of the Janes family. Mr. Janes was married in 1915 to Florence Crawford of this town, who survives with three children, Eben, Anna and Janet. There are two grandchildren. He also leaves three brothers, Benjamin and Fred of this town and Dwight of San Diego, Calif., and one sister Mrs. Isabel Holton of Long Beach, Calif. The funeral was held at Kidders funeral parlors on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, with many friends and neighbors present. Rev. Harold Faulkner of Palmer officiated and burial was in the Janes family plot in Center cemetery.

### Uppgard - Murphy

A wedding of local interest took place in Springfield Wednesday morning when Mrs. Grace M. Murphy of Northfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lavelle became the bride of Reynold A. Uppgard of Millers Falls. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Uppgard of Brooklyn, N. Y. The bride wore a dusty pink crepe frock with black and white accessories and corsage of roses. Following the ceremony the wedding party was served breakfast at the Highland hotel in Springfield. The couple later left on a motor trip to New York City and Washington, and on their return will make their home in Millers Falls.

The bride is a graduate of the Northfield high school and has been employed as telephone operator here for many years. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Gardner high school and of the trade schools in Renovo and Lock Haven, Penn. He is foreman of the press department in the Millers Falls company.

As a result of the sitting of the board of registrars at the town hall in two sessions, 42 names were added to the voting lists.

### The Red Cross Ships County Made Clothing

Sweaters made by the students of Northfield Seminary is among the first consignment of clothing being shipped abroad by the Franklin county chapter of the American Red Cross. War stricken people in Poland and Finland will benefit.

The garments, work of various Greenfield and Franklin county town groups, were sent to New York and will be added to other shipments and forwarded to the stricken countries. Miss Long, the secretary of the county chapter said the shipment from the local office contained 30 women's and 20 children's dresses, 30 children's sweaters, 20 women's sweaters and 30 men's sweaters, all made of heavy material. She pointed out that the women's dresses will be forwarded to Poland and the other clothing will go to Finland.

The chapter has been asked to repeat its garment quota and arrangements for the task will be made at once. Miss Long said, in regard to the first shipment, that the women's dresses were made by a Polish group under direction of Mrs. Eugene Pirog, Northfield Seminary students made the children's sweaters and the women's sweaters were the labor of a group of Orange ladies directed by Mrs. Leon Dunham. Mrs. Robert Nye and Mrs. Charles Strohecker headed Athfield sewing groups.

### Oratorical Contest

The district contest of the state-wide oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion will be held at Alexander hall next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Speakers of the evening will be Ian French and Elizabeth Nilo from the senior class, and the following from the Junior class: Frances Eddy, Evelyn Russell, Donald Newton, Joseph Holton, Valentine Plotczyk and Ethel Tenney.

### Helen A. Goodspeed

The sad intelligence was received early Thursday morning by Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed that Miss Helen A. Goodspeed had passed away Wednesday at Winchester, Mass., after a long period of illness. She was a native of Orange and a sister of Mr. Goodspeed. The body will be brought to her home in Orange where the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Miss Goodspeed was the head supervisor of the Wrentham State school.

### Married Fifty Years To Have Open House And Receive Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Morgan of Northfield Farms will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary next Tuesday, Feb. 6, and will be "at home" to their friends from two to four o'clock in the afternoon and from seven thirty to ten o'clock in the evening.

Charles C. Morgan and Mabel Rawson were married in Athol, Feb. 6, 1890 by the Rev. Horace F. Brown of the Baptist church. Miss Carrie Lane and Edward Howland, both of Orange were their attendants.

Their early life was spent in Orange as residents of that town but about 1913 they came to Northfield and have since occupied their home on the main highway, leading to Millers Falls, which was formerly known as the Summer Stratton place.

Mr. Morgan was born in Winchester, N. H. May 22, 1867 and Mrs. Morgan in Orange, July 8, 1868.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have through the years given much of their time and interest to community affairs. They are both members of the Eastern Star order and of other organizations.

During the disastrous flood a few years ago, Mrs. Morgan in behalf of the Red Cross disaster committee rendered a most valuable service in charge of the Farms Relief station. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is also a member of the board of cemetery commissioners for the town, in which position he has served for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have a host of friends who will wish them health and much happiness for the coming years, and the Press, so speaks in behalf of all the people of this community.

### Randolph Funeral

The funeral services of the Rev. Dr. Herbert F. Randolph, who died at Tucson, Arizona last week Monday, were held at his late home on Main street in this town last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members of his immediate family had come here for the funeral. Rev. David B. Tomkins who is now a resident here and a personal friend of over 40 years of Dr. Randolph conducted the final rites. He was assisted by Rev. G. Albert Higgins pastor of the Methodist church of Greenfield and Rev. Dr. Jeffries, district superintendent of the Methodist church and Rev. W. Stanley Carne. The soloist was Frank E. Deeley of Greenfield. Dr. Tomkins paid a personal tribute to the deceased who had been a friend, a pastor to his people and a leader in civic affairs. After the service, the committal ritual of the church was read. Burial was in the family plot in center cemetery. The pall bearers were Dr. Randolph's sons Donald and Herbert, Dr. Tomkins, Rev. Mr. Carne, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Dix of Greenfield. Honorary pall bearers were Rev. Robert B. Jack, Rev. William W. Coe and Rev. Elliott W. Brown. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors from this town and from Greenfield.

### Aviation Classes

Some 68 persons are enrolled in the series of ground training studies of the Civil Aeronautical Authority, to be given at Greenfield in this district. The first session was Monday evening and it was revealed that two students are from Northfield and one from South Vernon. Originally four had signified their intention to take the course, but two had withdrawn. It is understood that the two Northfield entrants are Joseph Cambalister and Miss Natalie Briemaster, who will probably have the honor of becoming Northfield's first aviatix. Instructors of the course are Dr. Allen Anderson and Dr. Walter Miller of Mass. State college. The course is designed to prepare those interested in becoming civilian pilots for flying experience.

### On Farren Staff

Appointments to the staff of Farren Memorial hospital include both Dr. Allen H. Wright and Dr. F. Wilton Dean of this town. Dr. Wright heads the department of obstetrics and Dr. Dean is one of the attending physicians. After the appointments the medical staff organized and Dr. Dean was chosen as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Lewis Taylor of Greenfield was named as president.

### The Annual Report Comes From Printer In Mail Wednesday

The annual report of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1939 came from the printer Tuesday evening and the selectmen set to work immediately to address them to property owners and officials, and they were placed in the mail early Wednesday morning. This is the earliest the reports have appeared for some years and was due to "rush work" by the printer, although the annual audit was several days later than usual. The financial reports of the various departments are the most interesting and very illuminating. The booklet is on book paper with cover in green. It will be another valuable addition to the printed record and history of the town. Because of their value, taxpayers should carefully preserve them for future reference. For those who desire to follow the articles of the warrant at the town meeting next Monday, a number of copies of the Northfield Press which contained the articles will be available.

### Must Name Delegates To State GOP Meet

The Republican state committee meeting in Boston this week, fixed the number of delegates to the State convention which will meet April 30 in the Presidential primary as 3482.

The basis of representation is one delegate for the first 150 votes cast for the Republican gubernatorial candidate in 1938 in each ward or town; one delegate for each succeeding 300 votes or fractional part as large as 150. Each ward and town is entitled to at least one delegate.

The number of district delegates and alternates to the party's national convention was set up as four at large delegates and alternates and two of each from each congressional district, a total of 34 delegates and 34 alternates.

The Northfield town republican committee will soon hold a meeting and name its delegates to the state convention from this town.

### No Location Here

Last fall, two gentlemen came to Northfield, and looking up the editor of the local paper, introduced themselves and said they were looking about for some New England village, where they might locate a novelty and pocketbook factory. They made a careful survey but as the months passed by, no information was forthcoming. Last week, the editor received a letter from R. C. Searles of Woonsocket, stating that they had decided to locate in a Connecticut town. The editor was thanked for his co-operation but the fact that the town possessed no building suitable for industrial purposes, not sufficient help of the type needed and a too high tax rate, caused them to pass up serious consideration.

### Appalachians Visit

Nearly a 150 members of the Berkshire and Worcester chapters of the Appalachian Mountain club gathered at the Northfield hotel last Saturday and Sunday for their annual winter camp festivities. The program provided a big steak roast in the open on Saturday evening followed by an old-fashioned dance in the ball room of the Chateau "Happy Hale" was the prompter of the dance. The party divided into groups and enjoyed skunk, sledding, and skating on both days with the majority leaving for home before night-fall on Sunday. A number made visits to the campus of both Mount Hermon school and the Seminary. Manager Moody was kept busy with the details of the meet and ensured his guests of a very pleasant visit.

### Was Long A Donor

Edward S. Harkness, long a donor to the Northfield schools and well-known for his many other philanthropies, died in New York City on Jan. 29 of a chronic infection.

Mr. Harkness was director of the New York Central Lines and the Southern Pacific Co. Among his benefactions are listed a gift of \$1,000,000 to the department of dramatic arts at Yale University, his alma mater; a 20-acre tract on Upper Broadway for the New York Medical Center; and \$1,000,000 to the New York Public Library.

His widow, the former Mary Silliman, is the only immediate survivor.

### Many Religious Leaders From Various Colleges In Conference Here

Last weekend, from Thursday through Saturday, some fifty delegates from various colleges in the New England area, attended a conference of the Student Christian movement held at the Northfield hotel. There was a full program for study and consideration of the religious life of the student and of the prevailing religious movements which today invite attention. Many of the colleges of New England were represented and the list of guest speakers included: Delmar Leighton, dean of freshmen at Harvard; Dr. J. Seeley Bixler Harvard divinity school; Rev. Frederick Kellogg, Christ Church, Cambridge; Rev. Henry D. Gray of the Congregational-Christian church department of education; Rev. Ray Gibbons, of the Congregational church, Northampton; Dr. Rayborn L. Zerby of Bates College; Prof. Warren T. Powell, Boston university; Rev. Burns Chalmers, Smith college; Dr. Philip Guiles, Andover Newton Theological seminary; Rev. Norman D. Goehring, Lutheran church, Cambridge; Dr. Hugo Thompson, Springfield college.

The purpose of the conference was to consider the task of mediating religion to college students, inasmuch as religion is being sought by students to increase the measure of their life and its usefulness. The conference was of serious purpose.

### Seminary-Hermon Sunday Speakers

International Relations week-end will be observed at both the Northfield schools on Saturday and Sunday. Foreign students from many New England colleges will visit both Mount Hermon school and Northfield seminary and will participate in the special chapel programs on Sunday morning. Conferences and forums and dormitory discussions about international relations will feature the week-end program.

Sage chapel services will be at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. on Sunday. Communion will be observed at the vesper service. Mount Hermon will hear John McMichael at the 5 o'clock service in Memorial chapel, and morning worship will be at 10:30.

### "Oily" Efforts Weak

In the annals of local sports, last Thursday evening marks a headliner when on the Leads A-Hurles in Greenfield, the IGA Hurlers, captained by Luman Barber defeated the (Myron) Dunnell Oilers, in a game of bowling by nearly a hundred points. The Hurlers are enthusiastic in saying that they can do the same trick again at any time to the Oilers.

### Eastern Star Installs

Northfield chapter Order of the Eastern Star held the installation ceremonies of its newly elective and appointive officers at the Masonic hall on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance of members and invited guests as well as a large number of out-of-town friends who accompanied the installing officers. Refreshments were served.

### Attend Christening

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright attended the christening of their grandson in the Universalist Memorial church, Dorchester, on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the morning service.

Dr. Flint Bissell, an old friend of the family, was the officiating clergyman.

### Becomes New Official

Harry H. Banks of Winthrop, a graduate of Mount Hermon school in the class of 1932, has accepted the position of assistant cashier in H. Ibrock hall at Mount Hermon. Mr. Banks has been doing detail work in Winthrop since his graduation from Mount Hermon.

The local health council will hold a public card party in the town hall on the evening of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. The proceeds are to be used in its work.

Mrs. A. P. Fitt held open house Wednesday afternoon to members of the faculty of the seminary at the Homestead, which Mr. and Mrs. Fitt are occupying during the absence of Mrs. William R. Moody.

### The Annual Supper Of The Garden Club Next Tuesday Eve

The Northfield Garden club will gather at the Unitarian church vestry next Tuesday evening, Feb. 6 at 6:30 o'clock for the annual supper and meeting. It will be a chicken pie supper and attendance will be limited to members of the organization. After the meal, considerable business will be presented for consideration, including preliminary arrangements for the holding of a flower show, this coming summer. A movie will be shown and a talk given on "The flowers of Hawaii" by Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Mertz of Mount Hermon. The supper will be served by the ladies of the Unitarian church and the club committee already have secured a large list of reservations. Mr. Goodspeed the president will preside at the session. Membership is open to all residents and application may be made to any of the officers or membership committee for affiliation.

### Have You Given? People of Finland Need Your Help

Your contribution no matter how small should be sent to Mrs. Walter Hyde at the Bookstore who will forward to the National Relief Fund headed by Mr. Hoover.

### At Farren Hospital

At the annual meeting of Farren Memorial hospital held last week, the trustees re-elected all officers, with the most Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, D. D. of Springfield as president, James H. Thomas of Turners Falls, vice-president, and Sister Mary Louise, secretary-treasurer.

Of the 1592 patients treated last year 840 were Catholic, 747 were Protestant and five were Jewish. There were 41 free patients.

Types of treatment included 468 surgical, 237 medical, 170 obstetrical, 160 infants, 100 eye, ear, nose and throat, 777 X-ray, 500 physiotherapy and 7652 laboratory. There was an average of 43 patients daily.

The treasurer reported all financial obligations were met last year.

### Bequest To Schools

The will of Miss Charlotte M. Robbins, filed for probate last week in the Middlesex court contained a bequest of \$3,000 to the Northfield schools. Other institutions sharing under the terms of the will were Lawrence academy, the Union Congregational church of Groton, and the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

### The County SPCC Well Merits Support Has Done Fine Work

The annual meeting of the Franklin County district of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was held last week Thursday at the Weldon Hotel, with a luncheon at noon followed by a business session. Rev. John B. Whiteman was chosen as president for the ensuing year. Dr. Kirke L. Alexander as vice-president. Mrs. Maurice Demond as secretary and Willard A. Haskell as treasurer. A number of directorates which had expired were filled and all portions of the county has a direct representation in the organization. Mrs. Fred A. Holton and Dr. Robert H. McCastline are directors from Northfield.

The financial report indicated a deficit of \$1167.92. The total income from the county towns and organizations was \$2886.21, while the total expenses were \$4054.13 including the salary item of \$2866.67. The balance in the trust funds for children was \$1390.53.

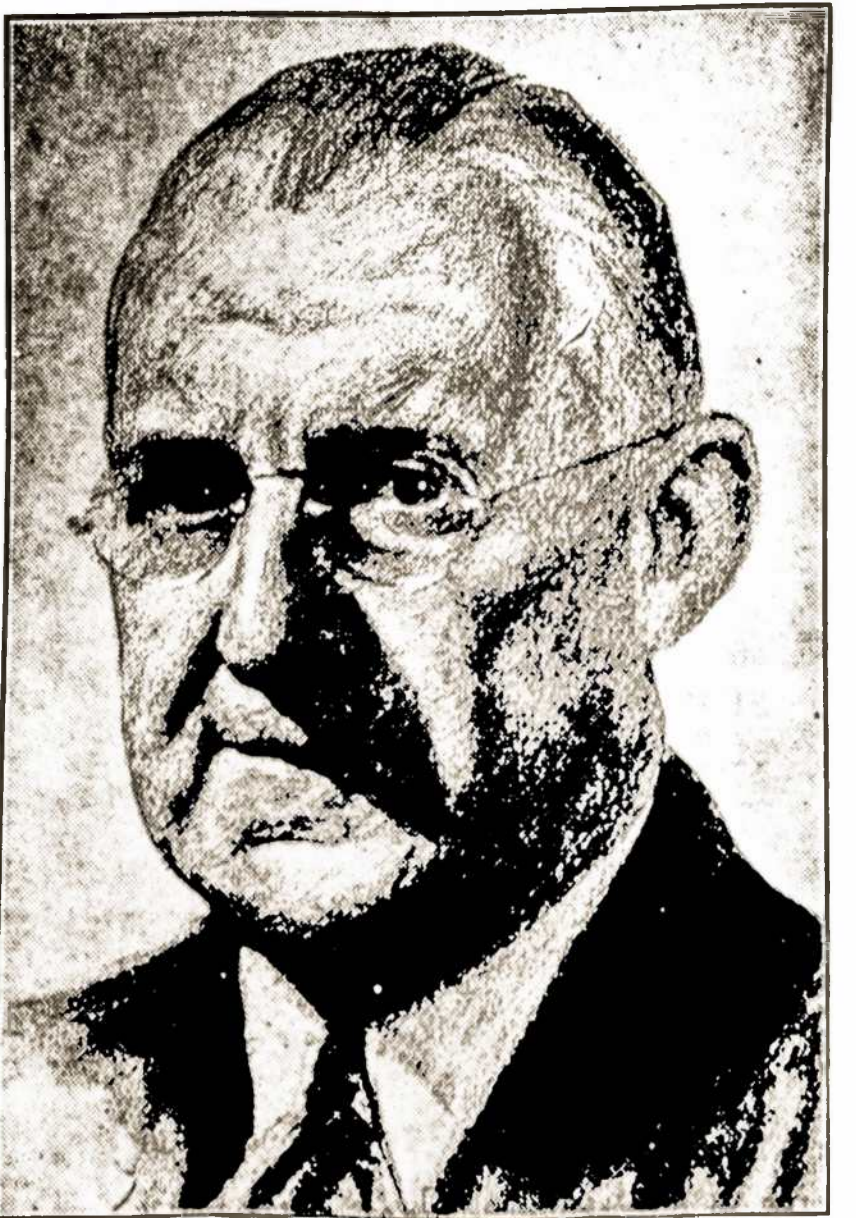
The report of agent Miss Adelaide Hood indicated there were 156 families investigated, 14 of which required court action. There were 31 cases carried forward. A total of 426 children were involved, of which 256 were protected without court action, 44 by court action, 40 not protected and 86 cases carried forward. The report showed the largest number of cases were for physical neglect of which there were 65. There were 28 cases of medical neglect and 24 cases of moral neglect. Other cases involved separation of parents, nonsupport, intemperance, semi-prophanage, feeble-mindedness, delinquency, illegitimacy, desertion, divorce, forced marriage and physical cruelty.

Of the cases investigated, there were five in Northfield. The income account of contributions by towns reveals that Northfield gave the sum of \$179.12 to the support of the work of the SPCC and Mt. Hermon contributed \$25. Greenfield was first with gifts, Turners Falls, second and Northfield, third.

During the business meeting Miss Hood was renamed agent and Dr. Merritt B. Low, staff physician. Following the business session those attending were addressed by Judge C. Edward Rowe of the Orange district court.

### Skating With Comfort

Thanks to the management of the Northfield hotel, Dickerson pond is being kept in fine condition for the enjoyment of skating. A small building has been placed at the edge of the pond with light and heat provided as well as a lean-to in addition. A caretaker is in charge and in order to help in meeting the expenditures a nominal charge is made to all who use the rink. Guests of the hotel and visitors as well as townspeople are seen daily enjoying the pastime.



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### West Northfield and South Vernon

The South School P. T. A. will meet next Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. Moving pictures will be shown by Ray Pestle of Waitsfield, Vt., an employee of the National Forest Conservation Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Hinsdale, N. H. will have charge of Farnum's filling station during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Farnum in Florida.

Courtland Dunklee was the speaker at the South Vernon church Sunday evening. Hazel Tenney and Alma Dunklee sang a duet, accompanied by Ruth Dunklee. Glen Murray read the scripture and Grace Tenney presided.

Rev. W. W. Coe will be the preacher at the South Vernon church next Sunday morning at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. The evening service at 7 will be under the direction of the young people with Warren Brown as the speaker. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday evening at 7.

Mrs. Frank B. Holton who has been very ill, is slightly better. Her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Darby, who has been with her, returned to her home Tuesday.

Arthur Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stacy is able to be about again, after several weeks' illness.

S. J. Martineau took Elva Martineau, Helen Scherlin, and Ruth Dunklee back to Castleton Normal school Monday after a vacation at their homes. Miss Marjorie Tyler is still convalescing at her home.

Seven ladies met at the home of Mrs. Warren Dunklee Friday with Mrs. Arthur Whitney, Windham county home demonstration agent, and formed a local home demonstration group with Mrs. Dunklee as leader and Mrs. Clayton George as secretary and treasurer. The group will meet there again next Tuesday morning at 11:30. Mrs. Whitney is to be president.

A men's club has been formed in West Northfield. A group of eight had an informal gathering last week at William Hilliard's.

The sawmill which has been set up in the Hell's Kitchen section of West Northfield has commenced operations with several men employed.

Mrs. Frank Lackey, who is assisting at Arthur Bombard's in Brattleboro, spent last weekend at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warren Dunklee.

### Church Services

#### TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne  
Sunday school meets at 10. At 11, Gospel preaching service with appropriate music; the sermon will discourse on "The Cry of the Heart; The Laws of Nature; Two Looks at a Flower; The Solor System; God Breaks Through." At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 6:45, C. E. meeting. At 7:30, regular preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, Mrs. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; Mrs. Grobel, leader. At 7:30, weekly C. E. cottage prayer service.

Wednesday at 3, the Women's Missionary society at the home of Mrs. Frank Montague; subject, "The task of Home Missions; the Obstacles in the Way"; Leader, Miss Maud E. Hamilton.

Thursday at 7:30 weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

Friday evening at 7:30, the Evening Auxiliary meet with Mrs. Neva Barber. Mrs. George Carr will have charge of the program.

#### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The first sermon in the series of six Lenten studies will be given on the subject, "Invisible Chains."

The home of Mrs. Thomas Parker will be the meeting place for the Alliance Thursday, Feb. 8 at 2:30, with Mrs. Joseph Field assisting Mrs. Parker. The subject for study will be "Some Outstanding Women in the World Today and their Work," led by Mrs. O. D. Doolittle.

#### Hosteling In Eire

In 1931 a group of enthusiastic young people started hosteling in southern Ireland. The first funds were raised through membership subscriptions and accommodation fees, so that the organization had to subsist on limited means. Not until the organization was five years old did it receive any considerable outside support. In 1936 it received a generous grant from the Carnegie Trust which enabled it to build a new hostel and purchase a central building in Dublin as hostel and headquarters.

One of the most outstanding features of the Irish association has been the devotion of its voluntary workers. They have never had more than one part-time paid official, and the voluntary labor includes secretarial and organizing work as well as the conversion of ruins into comfortable hostels. The rule is that all the beds and furniture are made by hostellers and all repairs carried out by them. In 1939 they practically built a whole new hostel from the foundations to the roof. This is all the more remarkable as nearly all the members are factory and office workers who can spend only week-ends at the hostels and travel there and back on foot or by cycle.

Because of the Gulf Stream which flows around the British Isles the climate is soft and conducive to hosteling even in late autumn. Roses, fuchsias, and asters are in full bloom in late October. The fields are green and cattle and sheep can graze all winter. Golden blossoms of the gorse dot the mountains and in the valleys laurel bushes, gigantic aucubias and yuccas bloom. Heather and bracken clothe the otherwise bald and naked mountains and give them body and color. It is a land of solitude and silence in which men, tortured in the treadmill of city life, can find relaxation and rebirth.

The Irish hostels, often mountain cottages, provide an opportunity for rugged living which is much needed in this age of effete living. The hostels are generally characterized by having separate buildings for men and women with common cooking and living rooms in the girls' house. One hostel is so unusual as to have the boys' quarters housed in an old lighthouse.

Passholders in southern Ireland number 1611. The twelve hostels, located about sixteen miles apart, took care of 11,638 hostellers overnight last year. The primary object of the association is to encourage walking and love of the countryside by providing simple, inexpensive overnight accommodations.

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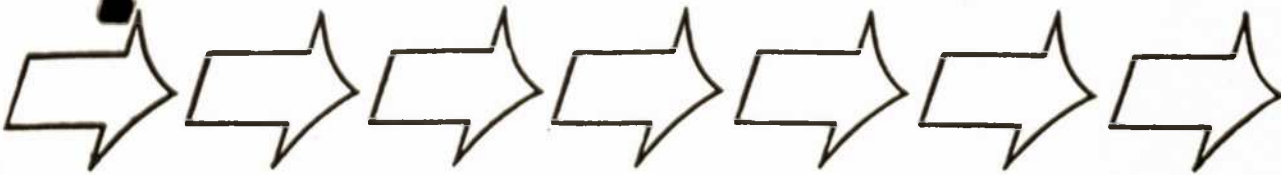
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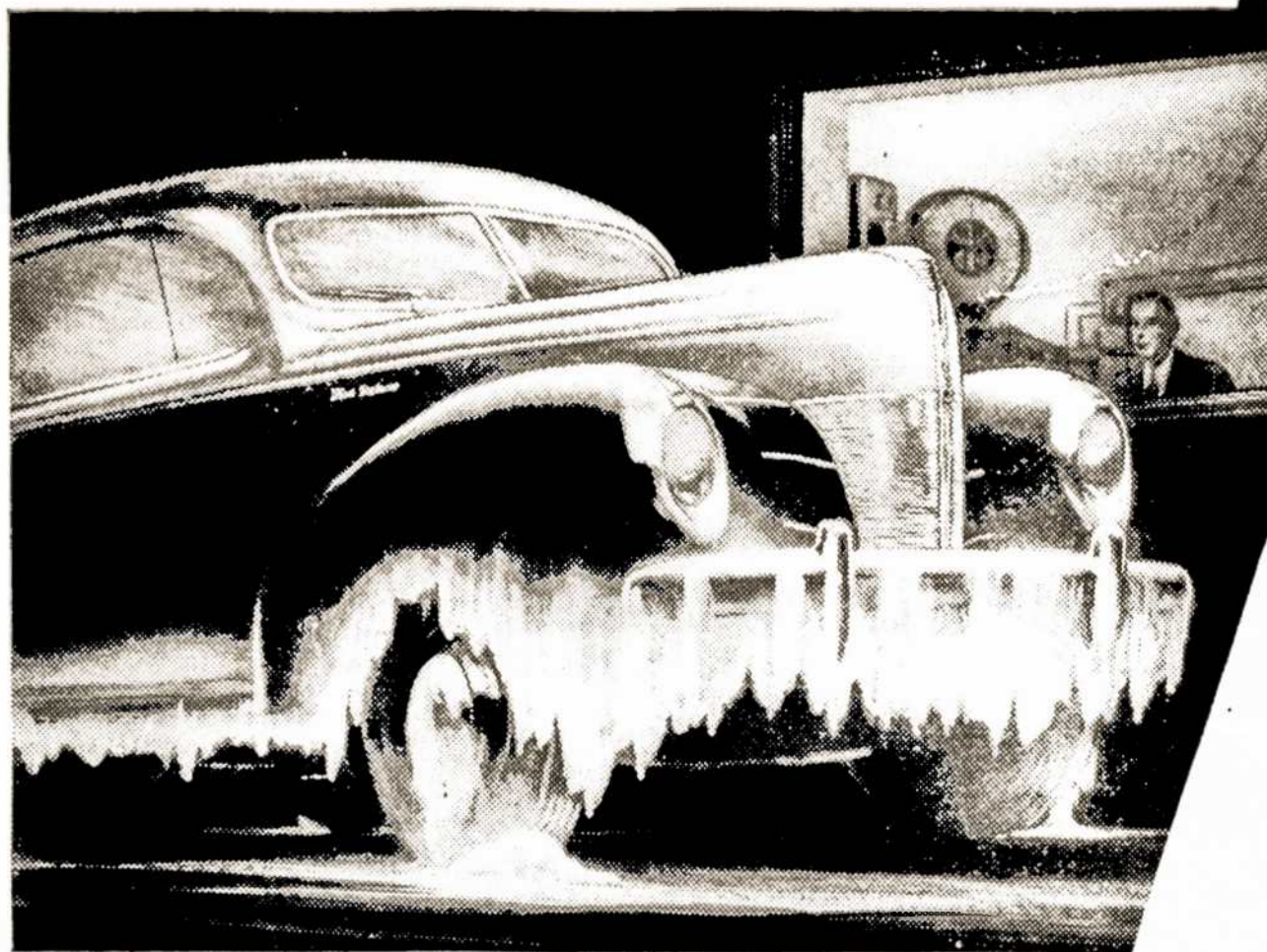
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## TOWN TOPICS

The Mount Hermon school team defeated the Williston Academy, in a game of hockey last Saturday afternoon by a score of 4-1. Hermons playing was aggressive and spectacular according to eyewitnesses.

A daughter, Laura Elizabeth, was born last Sunday morning at the Franklin County hospital to Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ingalls of East Northfield.

Mrs. Nellie Handy and Miss Helen Handy attended the funeral of a relative in Hancock, N. H. last Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Holton is acting secretary-treasurer of the local Grange to serve until April. Communications and bills should be sent to her at South Vernon.

It is announced that Robert P. Dolan of Greenfield, former owner and publisher of the Greenfield Shopping News has been appointed supervising inspector of the regional office administering fair labor standards of the federal wage hour administration.

The Connecticut river is frozen over solid herabouts, in fact it is said the river is frozen over solid from its headwaters in the north to its mouth at Saybrook. Ice is from 12 to 20 inches thick.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnum left town by motor on Sunday for a vacation and sojourn in Florida for the remainder of the winter.

If weather conditions are favorable, a special train will run from New York to Brattleboro, on Sunday, Feb. 18th for the big ski exhibition in Brattleboro on that date. The train will make a stop in both directions at the East Northfield station and special low excursion rates are in effect.

Rumor has it that Rep. Fred B. Dole of Shelburne, may be named the next Conservation Commissioner by the Governor. Mr. Dole a frequent visitor to Northfield is serving his fourth term as a member of the Legislature and he has been active in the work of agricultural fairs and in the Grange. His appointment would be a good one.

It is possible that all Massachusetts welfare agents may be placed on a merit system in lieu of Civil Service as a measure to meet Federal demands in the handling of public assistance programs. Public Welfare Commissioner Rotch announces the effort, which will be made to cover the present staff in the various towns of the state, including Northfield which is concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of East Providence, who have a summer home here and are frequent visitors during the winter, have gone south for a winter visit to benefit Mrs. Ray's health. She has been quite ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore of Philadelphia, summer residents of this town are spending several weeks at Mt. Dora, Fla. Friends have received greeting cards from them.

The Middlebury College winter carnival and ski meet, arranged for Feb. 16, 17, 18 will attract many delegations from various colleges and a number of our young people expect to receive invitations to attend.

Mrs. John E. Nye in a letter to friends from St. Petersburg, Fla., where she is staying, says that the weather is cool and unpleasant. She has had the privilege of meeting Miss Hatch and Mr. Kellogg in the sunny city.

Mrs. Butinski, is making a recovery at the Franklin county hospital after a serious operation last week Friday. Her son, from Rye, N. Y. spent last weekend here with her.

It is rumored that Senator James A. Gunn of Turners Falls will not seek re-election to the Senate from this district this year. He has made good and his many friends here will urge him to run again.

Harry L. Gingras with his brother spent last weekend in Boston.

Next Tuesday will be observed as Founder's Day at both Mount Hermon school and the seminary, when appropriate exercises will be held in the chapels of both schools, and in the evening at Silverthorne hall a magician will give a program.

The winter carnivals of both Mount Hermon and the seminary will be held next week end on Saturday the 10th.

The high school senior class netted the sum of \$64.50 from the recent supper and card party at the town hall for their Washington trip fund. They desire to thank all who participated to make the event a success.

William Nelson is the field worker for the New England district of Youth Hostels and has so been officially designated by the organization of the council of the district which now numbers 70 hostels.

Only four days during the month of January did the thermometer reach as high as the freezing point, the balance of the month was a flirtation with the zero mark. Those who wanted cold weather, had plenty of it.

The Ladies Benevolent society of Northfield Farms held a regular business session last Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Murray Hammond, president presiding.

The Valley Bible conference met Wednesday afternoon and evening at the First Baptist church in Turners Falls. There was quite a large delegation present from Northfield and Rev. W. Stanley Carne participated on the program.

Charles Leach, Jr., spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Leach at their home at the Farms.

This Friday evening at 8 o'clock the Fortnightly gathers in Alexander hall for the scheduled session to hear a program of music as arranged by the music committee and announced in last week's Press. Members will bring their husbands, brothers or gentleman friends as guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller attended the County Beekeepers association dinner in Greenfield Monday evening. Mr. Miller is vice-president of the organization.

A number of local Republicans expect to attend the annual meeting and dinner of the Young Mens Republican club of Greenfield at the Mansion House next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock when Lieut. Governor Horace T. Cahill will be the speaker.

Seats in the gallery at the town hall for the annual meeting on Monday will be reserved for the students of government of the seminary and members of the senior class of the high school.

Several members of the Northfield Grange attended the Grange officers' conference in Greenfield Wednesday evening.

The Grange will serve dinner at the town hall on town meeting day. Mrs. Clayton Miller, Mrs. Ernest Durant, and Mrs. Ralph Gibson are the committee in charge.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to all friends and neighbors for their kind sympathy and beautiful floral tributes during the recent death of our loved one.

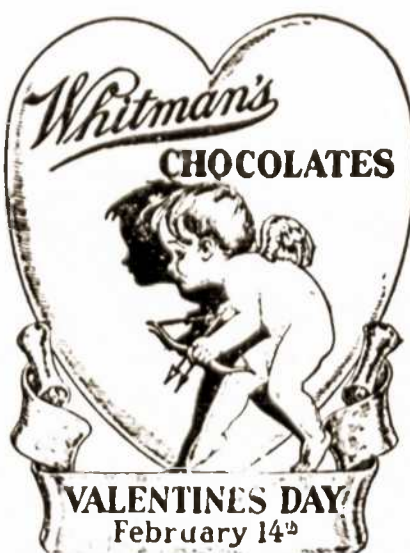
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### TWISTING THE DIALS With A. L. SIMON

It's not an easy job to be a commentator. Although it is usually only a 15-minute period the average news or screen commentator has to put forth a lot of wordage in that short time. And all the talk must be chatter of an important nature.

How commentators get their material is a story in itself. Hedda Hopper, for example, out on the coast has to gather screen news for her three weekly shows which she airs over CBS. This means that Hedda must be in and around the studios, must contact Hollywood publicity men, be on the telephone almost constantly, and talk to the stars almost all day to get information. She must be present at cocktail parties, at social functions, at luncheons, at almost every event that happens in the movie colony. A story which will make good consumption for her listeners may break anywhere — and she has to be around to get it.

A news commentator's life is just as hectic. We were chatting with George Hamilton Combs, Jr., the former Congressman who now is the noted news commentator. George reads seven daily newspapers, gets correspondence from friends and associates in all



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parts of the world, reads all of the press dispatches which arrive at the studios, and is a subscriber to dozens of national and international magazines. In addition, he attends conferences, flies to Washington, speaks with a bluster — always on the search for more details for his nightly program.

Then, a news commentator is always in demand as a lecturer. So instead of relaxing after his program, Combs invariably has to rush away to speak before clubs and organizations that want his services. In spare moments, he has to wade through the hundreds of letters which arrive daily to the studios for him. Some of this mail may contain important stories so each piece must be read.

Both Hedda Harper and George Combs have fascinating, intriguing jobs. But the hours are long, the pressure is great, and you need plenty of stamina to keep up with the world. But they love their work — and that is why they sparkle on the air.

CHATTER: Don Ameche is all set to head a new Friday night variety show for a big sponsor. It will bow in April. Ted Cottrell's well music quiz is back on CBS because of the thousands of requests that poured in. Tabulation of books and authors most frequently used by radio quiz devotees, as compiled by Bob Hawk, lists Shakespeare as top man. Charles Dickens as second. Gene King, the night-owl, has a collection of more than 8000 records. Charles Raeder's outfit is the new orchestra at the Versailles.

Betty Furness whom you know as Johnny Green's wife, has joined the cast of Alice Blair. This is her first radio appearance since presenting Johnny with a baby girl a few months ago. If you want to find vaudeville Al Pearce is bringing former headlines to his program. The dime band-leader Enoch Light collects for his photos go to the paralysis fund. They should be on the air: a terrific harmony quartet called Golden Gate now at Cafe Society and a smooth emcee there tagged Jack Guilford. Eddie Cantor will not be replacing any current air show, as rumored. The plans fell through.

### Civil Service Exam

For the position of ward attendant, neuro-psychiatric hospital at \$1020 per year, for filling vacancies in the veterans administration at Bedford and Northampton, a civil service examination is announced to be held at various places in the state. Closing date for application is Feb. 23. Further detailed particulars from Civil Service Commission, Postoffice Bldg. Boston, or at any first-class postoffice.

There will also be an examination for molder to fill vacancies at the Portsmouth, N. H. navy yard. Applicants must have completed a 4-year apprenticeship. The closing date of filing applications is Feb. 15.

There will also be an examination for blacksmith, calker and chipper, and shipwright for employment at the Portsmouth navy yard. Applications must be filed by Feb. 29.

Anyone interested in these examinations should obtain full and detailed particulars immediately.

Jones: Why does Biggs, the confirmed bachelor, seem so crestfallen?

Smith: He was out dining with a young lady, when she spotted a gentleman friend at a near-by table.

Jones: What's wrong with that?

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Jones: Yes, go on.

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Congratulations to our neighbor, Mayor John W. Storrs of Concord, N. H. At the age of 81 he has just been elected for the fourth time. Proves that life begins at forty. That makes two beginnings for Mr. Storrs, and happiness for Concord.

Hardware Notice:  
The tongue is not steel, but it cuts.

For shame! The British opening American mail bags the way they do. After the King and Queen had that nice hot-dog picnic at Hyde Park when they were over here, too. Call that cricket? But it's like this: So long as Britannia continues to rule the waves, Uncle Sam will be glad to waive the rules.

Building notice:  
Men make houses; but women make homes.

"Dixie" that thrilling old battle hymn of the South was written by a Northerner. Yep! We always thought it came from the deep South, too; but Dan Emmett, a minstrel man, born in Ohio wrote it while traveling in the South in 1859. Another cherished notion gone with the wind!

Public relief notice:  
Purses shrink  
When workmen drink.

What to do with Dewey—that's the question. Republican leaders of New England are wondering. The pleasant young racket wrecker made a good appearance in Boston. But the impression is the thing.

Religious notice:  
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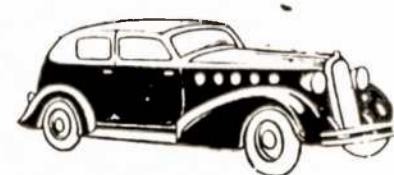
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## EDITORIAL

Congressman Dies and his committee have completely exposed the schemes of the Russians to build up Communism in our country. That is the reason why the House of Representatives will continue this committee. Personal attacks upon Mr. Dies have not hurt him in the least. The House of Representatives has full confidence in his honesty and ability.

The conviction of Earl Browder meets with full approval in official circles of Washington. Browder never has rated well in the capital.

The attacks of Mr. Dewey, New York Republican candidate for the presidency upon President Roosevelt for having renewed diplomatic relations with Russia have in Washington challenged. Many persons think that even President Roosevelt may be sorry by this time that he resumed diplomatic relations with the Soviet government.

Anyhow, everything that can possibly be done to show sympathy and support to Finland met with unanimous approval in Washington.



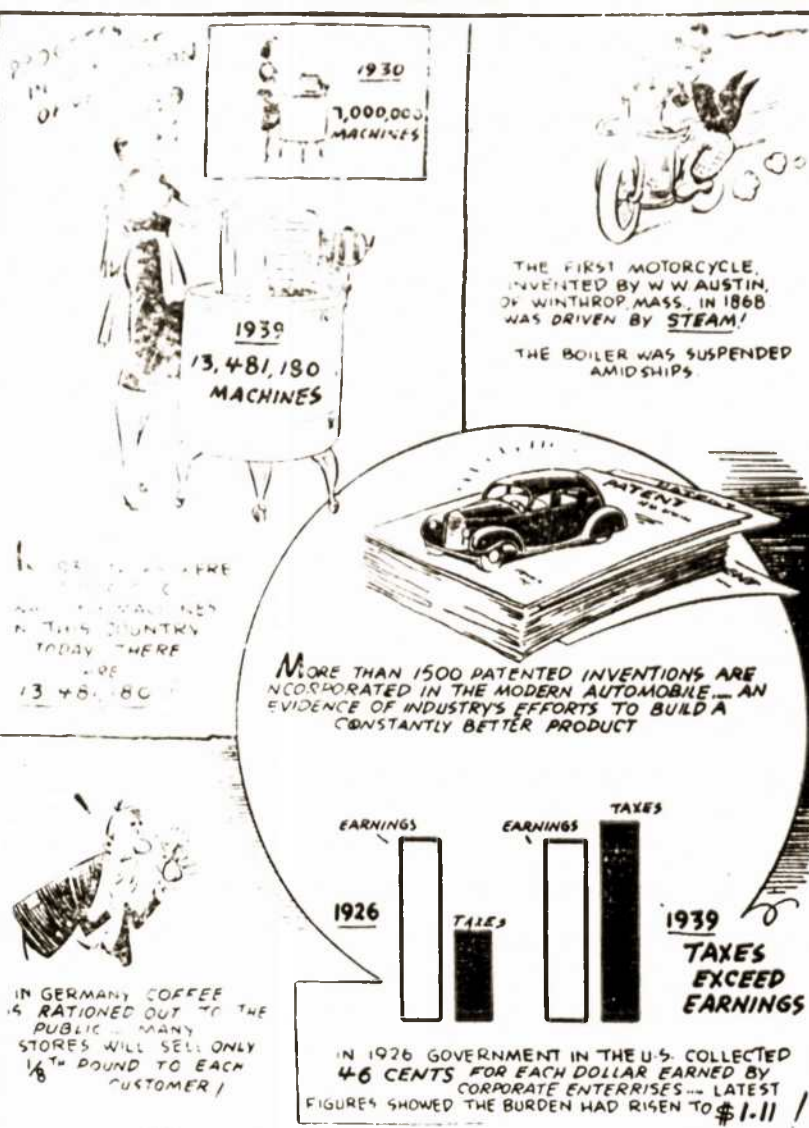
## Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that \$11,731 worth of Cuban postage stamps were imported through Massachusetts customs during the first half of 1939... imports of merchandise from all South American countries through the port of Boston average more than \$50,000,000 a year... In place are engaged in making automobiles, several thousand and automobile bodies... The first cotton mill ever built in China was equipped with machinery from the Lowell Machine Shop... The oven, as an integral part of the stove, was invented by Daniel Cushing of Lowell... H. R. Barker of Lowell, founder of the Hobson-Lawler Co. was one of the first men in the world to pipe houses for steam heating... The oldest pottery made in the United States is that of A. H. Howes & Co. founded in Weston in 1765 and moved to Cambridge in 1870... The first typically American railway passenger car with the aisle running from end to end between the seats was produced in Cambridge in 1834... More than 90 per cent of all United States naval vessels are equipped with pumps made in Holyoke... A company in Cambridge manufactures diagnostic apparatus used by most great hospitals and medical institutions in this and other countries... Medford in the old days was famous alike for its ships, rum, crackers and bricks... Acton is known for its manufacture of gun powder... Billerica is big in manufacturing textiles in 1939... assessed value of real estate and personal property in Massachusetts in 1939 totaled \$6,193,895,000.

The per capita amount of new residential building last year was about five times as large in suburban towns of Massachusetts as in the cities... Between eight and twelve million dollars worth of sugar came through the Port of Boston from Cuba in a year... Argentina's largest shipments to the Boston port are raw wool and hides, amounting to several million dollars a year; Brazil sends approximately \$4,000,000 worth of coffee and nearly \$1,000,000 worth of cocoa beans... Newly developed ski slopes reported are a tow at Lowell, a night-lighted slope in Greenhill Park, Worcester, and a fully equipped slope at Bee Hill, Williamstown... Gloucester's industries include a glue manufacturing that is known through-

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or in charge of home demonstration work was Mrs. Etta W. Ringgold who was born in Massachusetts.

And with Old Man Winter putting the spurs to the old Bay State I am reminded of what my relatives told me about the weather. From October to June it seldom gets above 90 and seldom lower than 70 even at night. So next winter it's me for Puerto Rico.

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## Back Yard Gardener

According to an old Spanish proverb it takes more than one type of person to make a good salad dressing. First a spendthrift. His part is to supply the oil. Next there needs to be a miser to add vinegar. And third there should be a councillor to add the salt.

I merely mention that by way of introduction. I picked it out of a publication entitled the Puerto Rico Extension News, a little publication which is put out by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, University of Puerto Rico, to furnish news, advice, and ideas about extension work to its personnel.

I did not know that such a place existed, but it so happens that I'm interested in Puerto Rico for two reasons. One is that it is an island territory of the United States, and the other is that I have relatives living in Puerto Rico whom I hope to visit some day.

I was interested in reading what these people are doing to improve their agriculture and the income of their rural people because, as you no doubt know, the extension services work in rural areas. For example, they say, "A new use of nicotine in making insecticides offers the greatest hope for increased consumption of tobacco."

"The scientist has proved that large seeds of the avocado pear very definitely produce large seedlings and of course large seedlings produce large nursery trees."

"This month—December 1939—the extension service has imported and placed on the Sabana Grande Demonstration Farm 40 Rhode Island Red pullets and four Rhode Island Red cocks, purchased from the Parmenter Poultry Farm of Massachusetts. These imported birds come from stock with record of from 250 to 300 eggs per year."

The Puerto Ricans are interested in a new plastic made wholly from green coffee beans and which requires no additional raw materials. The coffee provides its own chemical plasticizers and catalysts and its own filler material. The new coffee plastic can be produced in green, red, mahogany, brown, yellow, and ebony black merely by the chemical development of its own coloring material.

The Puerto Ricans are interested in experiments just concluded in the Mass. Institute of Technology which show that old-fashioned molasses is about the best known food for treating nutritional anemia.

They are interested in new hybrid sugar beet varieties which will increase yields and develop beets that are resistant to the leaf spot disease.

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Son: Say, Dad, what is a statistician?

Dad: He's a man who goes to the aid of figures when they can't lie by themselves, my son.

Passer-by: Why are you sobbing, my little man?

Boy: My pa's a millionaire philanthropist.

Passer-by: Wel, well! That's nothing to cry about, is it?

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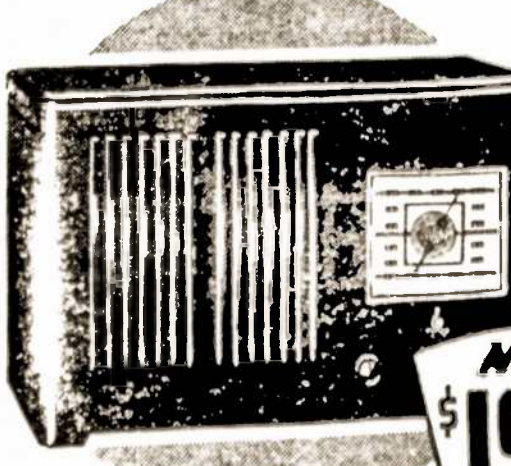
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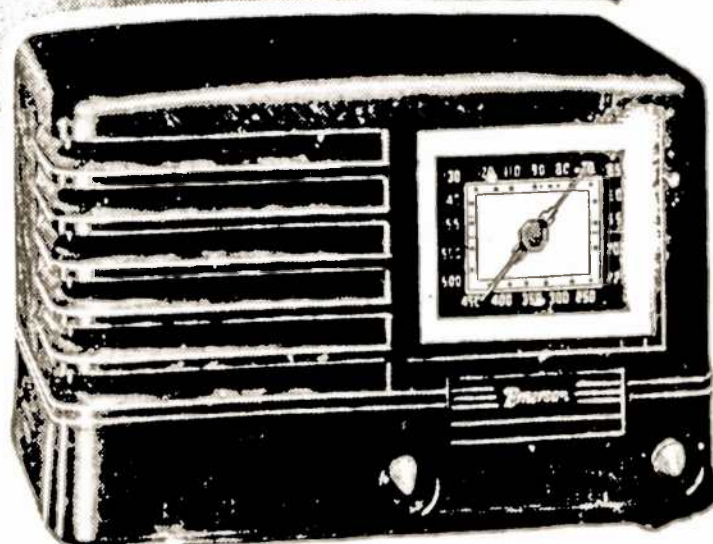
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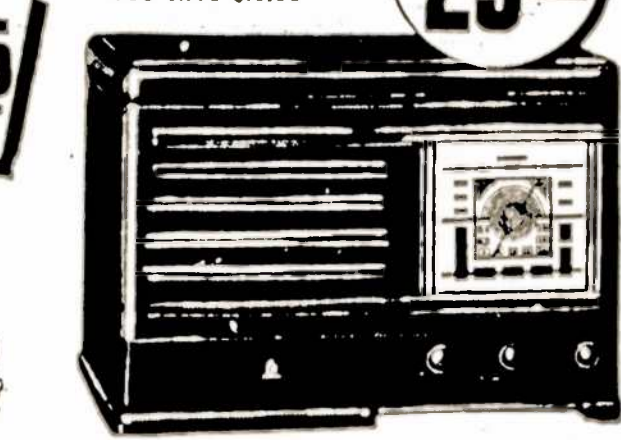
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